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SUBJ: MEETING OF MAGHREBIAN COMMITTEE FOR AERIAL
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1. PRESS OF MAY 25 CARRIES TEXT OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT ANNUAL MEETING OF MAGHREBIAN AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (CMTA) IN TUNIS MAY 20-24 AND GROUPING REPRESENTATIVES OF MOROCCO, TUNISIA AND ALGERIA. RESOLUTION NOTES THAT DECISIONS WERE REACHED REGARDING SUCH ISSUES AS COMMON INSURANCE FOR AIR COMPANIES OF MAGHREB AND REPRESENTATION OF MAGHREB AT ICAO COUNCIL. CMTA ALSO RECOMMENDED IMPROVED COORDINATION OF THREE COUNTRIES IN REGARD TO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, TRAINING, COMMON POSITION AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, CONTROL OF NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, AND OTHER MATTERS. PRESIDENT OF CMTA CHARGED WITH SUPERVISION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF GROUPS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING MATTERS: PREPARATION OF LEGAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES REGARDING CREATION OF "AIR MAGHREB"; PROMOTION OF STANDARDIZATION; COORDINATION OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES OF THREE AIR COMPANIES; AND ORGANIZATION OF MEETING TO STUDY "SEARCH
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AND RESCUE" CONVENTION.

2. MUSTAPHA FILALI, TUNISIAN DELEGATE TO PERMANENT MAGHREBIAN CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CPCM), PRESIDED AT LAST SESSION OF MEETING AND, ACCORDING TO PRESS, CONGRATULATED CMTA FOR HAVING REACHED AGREEMENT ON MATTERS WHICH UNTIL THIS TIME HAD BEEN CONSIDERED VERY DIFFICULT. THESE INCLUDE COMPLEMENTARITY AND ALLOCATION BETWEEN THREE STATES OF MAINTENANCE FACILITIES FOR MAGHREBIAN AIR FLEET. MOROCCAN DELEGATE DAOUDI WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CMTA FOR 1974-75 SESSION.

3. COMMENT: PROGRESS TOWARD STANDARDIZATION OF AIRCRAFT BETWEEN THREE AIR TRANSPORT COMPANIES CLEARLY FAVORS US AIRCRAFT COMPANIES. PROSPECTS FOR US COMPANY BOEING IN TUNISIA VERY PROMISING BECAUSE OF RECENT AIR ALGERIE DECISION PURCHASE 737 TO REPLACE FRENCH CARAVELLES. TUNIS AIR LIKELY FOLLOW SUIT IN NEAR FUTURE AS IT DID IN CASE OF BOEING 727S. SOME US MANUFACTURERS ALSO BELIEVE TUNIS AIR IS CONSULTING WITH AIR ALGERIE RE ACQUISITION SMALL AIRCRAFT (15-25 SEATS) FOR INTERNAL SERVICE.

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